

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/038,239	REEVES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 02/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-18 and 20-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                    |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>02/13/2006</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08);<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                           |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### ***DETAILED ACTION***

1. The request filed February 27, 2006 for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on patent application 10/038,239 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. Claims 2-3 and 19 have been canceled and, **claims 1,4-18 and 20-22 are pending and have been examined.**
2. **Independent claims 1, 14 and 17** have been amended.
3. **Dependent claims 4 and 15** have been amended.
4. **No new claims** have been added.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. **Claims 1, 4-18 and 20-22** are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
7. Referring to **the independent claims 1 and 17** the art on the record, namely Belanger discloses all the limitation of the claims before the claim was amended. However independent claims 1 and 17 are amended to incorporate dependent claims 2-3 and dependent claim 19 respectively. Besides, the extra limitation of **"storing at least location references for virtual media resources"** have been added on both the independent claims 1 and 17. The combination of Belanger and Microsoft disclosed most of the limitation of dependent claims 2-3 and 19. However, during the telephone interview with applicant, it has been realized that neither the primary reference, Belanger nor the secondary reference, Microsoft, discloses that the following limitation that is recited in claim 1, "each node represents at least one of the virtual medial resources" or the following limitation that is recited in claim 17, "each node represents one portion of the plurality of virtual media resources."

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches or suggests a method of selectively providing data between networked devices, with all the limitation recited in the respective independent claims with the functional limitation of, **“storing at least location references for virtual media resources”** and the **above functional limitation** recited above.

For the reasons provided above, the amended independent claims **1 and 17** are allowed.

**Referring to the independent claim 14**, the claim is allowed for the same reason as that of the independent claims 1 and 17 because the claim contains the functional limitation of **“associating at least location references for a plurality of virtual resources to plurality of nodes”** Neither Microsoft nor Belanger reference discloses this feature. Therefore this claim is also found to be novel and is allowed

8. **The dependent claims 4-13, 15-16 and 18-22 and , which are dependent on the independent claim 1, 14 and 17** being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am --4: 30 pm).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on at 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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